

CLAIM AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION

Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 1 and 4, from which it formerly depended. The limitations of cancelled claim 5 have been included as well. In addition, an antecedent basis error identified by the Examiner has been corrected, and reference to the "top end" and "bottom end" of the vias has been added as a clarification. These changes do not constitute new matter.

Claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 6 rather than from cancelled claim 5.

Withdrawn claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 1 and 4, from which it formerly depended.

Claim 28 has also been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 1 and 4, from which it formerly depended.

Claim 33 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 30-32, from which it formerly depended.

Withdrawn claim 46 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 30, 31, 44, and 45, from which it formerly depended.

Claim 55 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 30 and 31, from which it formerly depended.

Claim 59 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 56-58, from which it formerly depended.

Withdrawn claim 70 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 56 and 57, from which it formerly depended. The limitations of cancelled claim 58 have been included as well.

Withdrawn claim 71 has been amended to correct an obvious error.

Claim 73 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 56 and 57, from which it formerly depended.

Withdrawn claims 75-80 have been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 74, from which they formerly depended.

Claim 83 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 81-82, from which it formerly depended. None of these amendments constitutes new matter.